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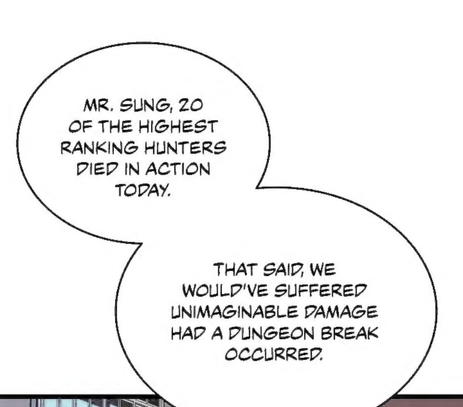
IF OUR GUILD HAD GONE IN INSTEAD, WE WOULD'VE BEEN TOTALLY SCREWED...

THERE THEY COME!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE ELITE MEMBERS OF THE HUNTERS GUILD LOOK SO BEAT UP!
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED INSIDE THAT C-RANK GATE?!

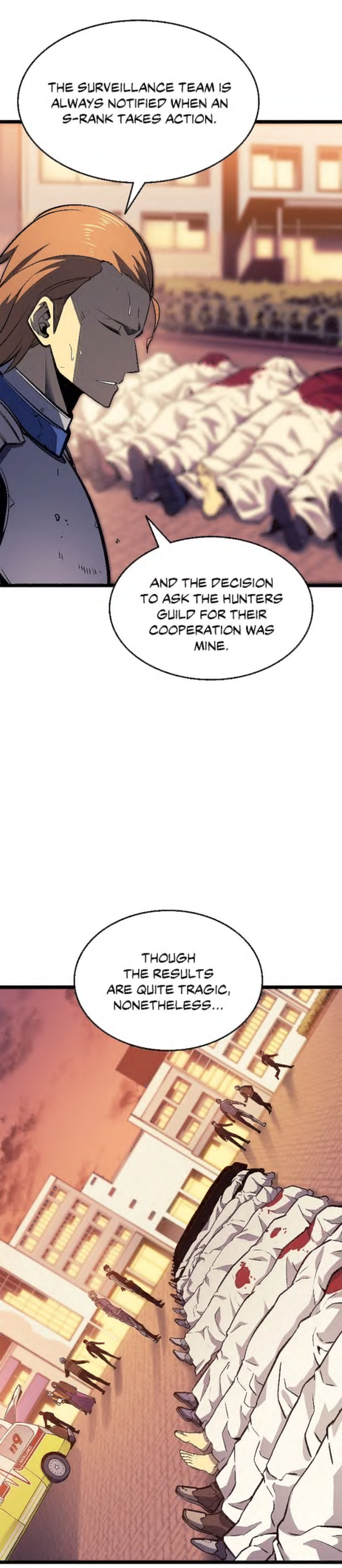
YOU GUYS ARE FROM THE COURAGE GUILD, RIGHT?
CAN YOU HELP US TRANSPORT ALL OF THE CASUALTIES?
CASUALTIES?!
Y...YES! OF COURSE!!

THE REAL ARCHITECT IS PROBABLY SOMEWHERE ELSE.
I GOT SOME ANSWERS, BUT NOT ALL. I DON'T THINK HE WOULD'VE STUCK AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME EVERYTHING, THOUGH.


MR. SUNG, 20 OF THE HIGHEST RANKING HUNTERS DIED IN ACTION TODAY.
THAT SAID, WE WOULD'VE SUFFERED UNIMAGINABLE DAMAGE HAD A DUNGEON BREAK OCCURRED.

I ASKED THE COURAGE GUILD TO REPORT THE DOUBLE DUNGEON, BUT...

...I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD COME HELP ME.

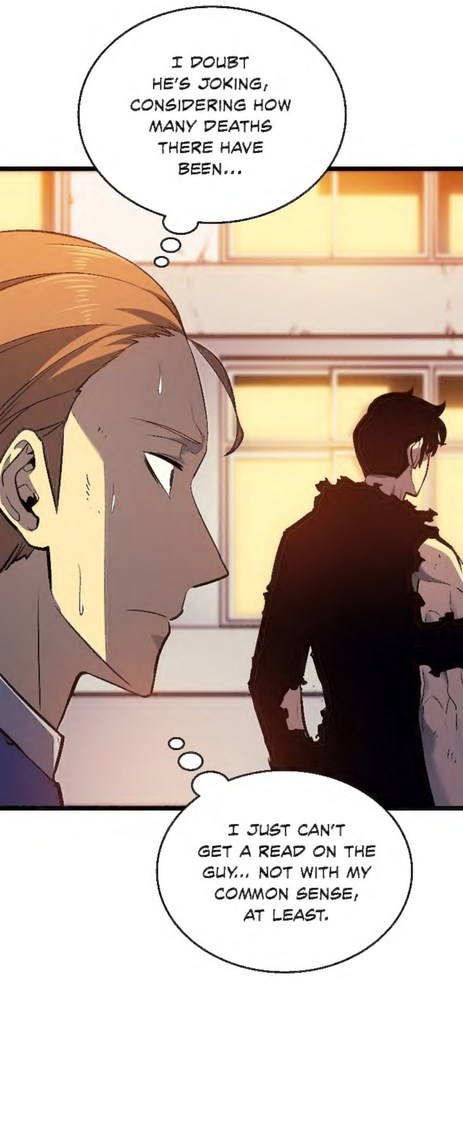

THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM IS ALWAYS NOTIFIED WHEN AN S-RANK TAKES ACTION.
AND THE DECISION TO ASK THE HUNTERS GUILD FOR THEIR COOPERATION WAS MINE.

THOUGH THE RESULTS ARE QUITE TRAGIC, NONETHELESS...

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE WAS A DOUBLE DUNGEON HERE?

THE DUNGEON CALLED OUT TO ME.
...CALLED OUT TO YOU?

YES, I RECEIVED A MESSAGE TELLING ME TO COME HERE.
MAY I HAVE A LOOK AT THAT MESSAGE?
IT'S IN MY HEAD. ONLY I CAN SEE IT.

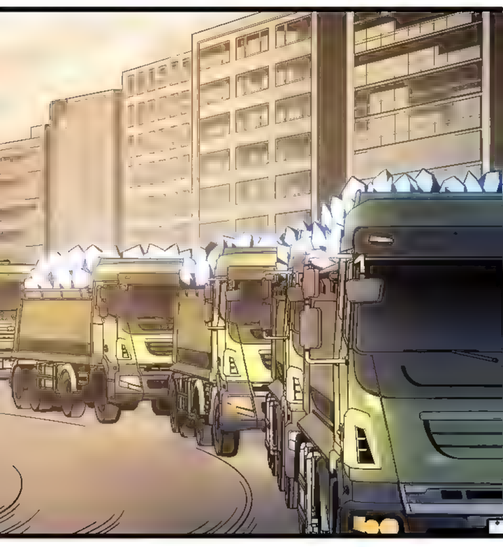

I DOUBT HE'S JOKING, CONSIDERING HOW MANY DEATHS THERE HAVE BEEN...
I JUST CAN'T GET A READ ON THE GUY... NOT WITH MY COMMON SENSE, AT LEAST.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MR. SUNG?
YEAH, OF COURSE I'M...

WOBBLE
NO, MAYBE I'M A BIT...

STAGGER
...TIRED....

MR. SUNG!!
FLOP
SUNG JINWOO!!



CLATTER
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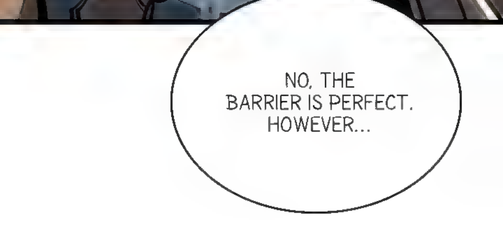
200,000 TONS OF MANA CRYSTALS.
THIS SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THE MAGIC CIRCLE.

ONCE I BUILD THE BARRIER AROUND THE GATE, IT WILL START DRAWING IN MANA FROM THE CRYSTALS.
VMMMM
VMMMM

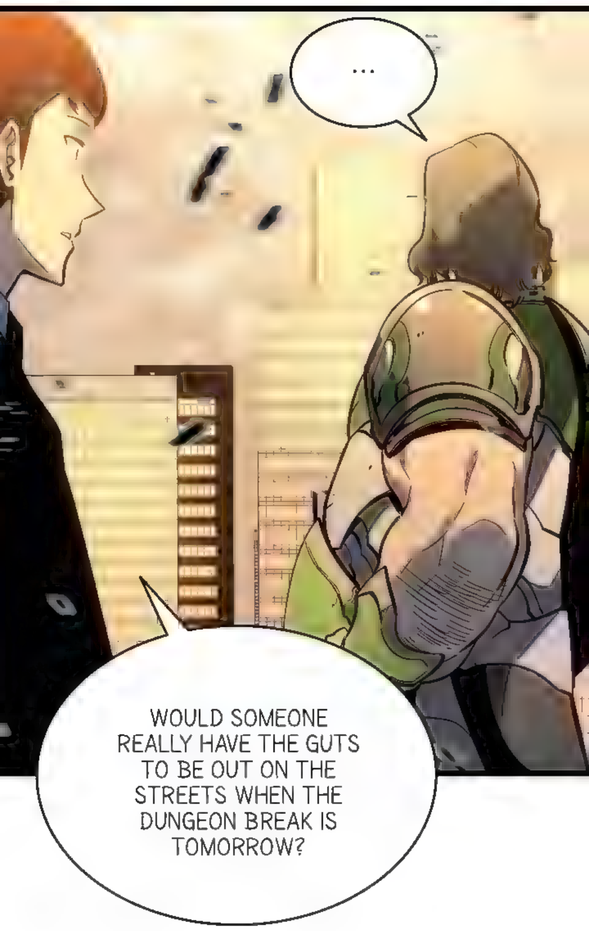
AND AT THAT POINT,
THE MAGIC CIRCLE WILL
BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

BUT...
HOW STRANGE.
PARDON?
IS THERE A
PROBLEM,
SIR?

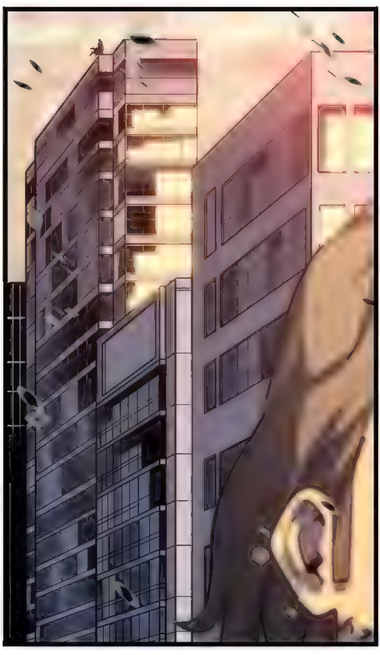

NO, THE
BARRIER IS PERFECT.
HOWEVER...

...I SENSE A PRESENCE CLOSEBY.

SORRY?
WHO ARE YOU?!
SHOW YOURSELF!


...
WOULD SOMEONE REALLY HAVE THE GUTS TO BE OUT ON THE STREETS WHEN THE DUNGEON BREAK IS TOMORROW?

I NEVER SAID IT WAS A PERSON.
WHAT?



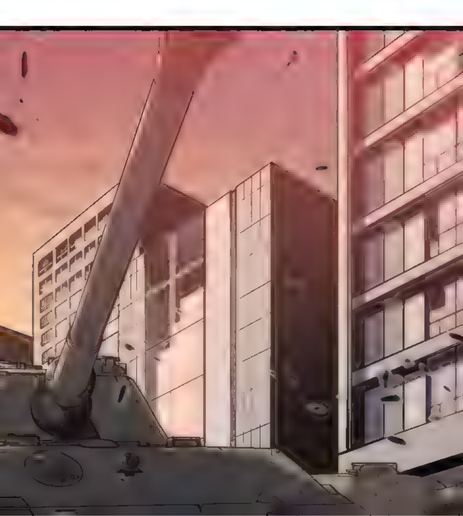
A MAN WITH SHARP SENSES, I SEE.
WELL... I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT THAT, CONSIDERING WHERE HIS POWER COMES FROM.

BUT REGARDLESS...

...IT FINALLY BEGINS, HUH?

EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
WHOOOOSH

TRAGEDY IS AFOOT.



MODERN FIREARMS ARE HIGHLY INEFFECTIVE AGAINST BEASTS.
SO I JUST DON'T SEE THE POINT IN MOBILIZING AN ARMY.
IF YURI ORLOFF'S STRATEGY FAILS,
SOMEONE NEEDS TO BUY FRONT-LINE HUNTERS SOME TIME TO PREPARE FOR AN ATTACK.

SO THEY'RE JUST... HUMAN SHIELDS.
AS LONG AS WE'RE STATIONED AT THE FRONT LINES, WE HUNTERS ARE NO DIFFERENT.

IT JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW HELPLESS HUMANS ARE IN THE FACE OF PURE DESTRUCTION.

PERFECT.
THIS IS GREAT.
IF ALL GOES WELL,
I'LL HAVE THIS GATE
TAKEN CARE OF ALL
BY MYSELF!

IT'D BE GREAT IF I COULD BE KNOWN AS THE MAN WHO SINGLE-HANDEDLY BROUGHT DOWN AN S-RANK GATE, BUT...
...THERE'S ANOTHER HUNTER WHO BETTER FITS THAT TITLE, SO I SHOULDN'T BE OVERAMBITIOUS.
UH, MR. ORLOFF! ALCOHOL IS...!
POP
I'M JUST TRYING TO CALM THE NERVES. I'M ALSO ABOUT TO PUT ON THE GREATEST SHOW YOU'VE EVER SEEN, SO THIS CALLS FOR A TOAST.

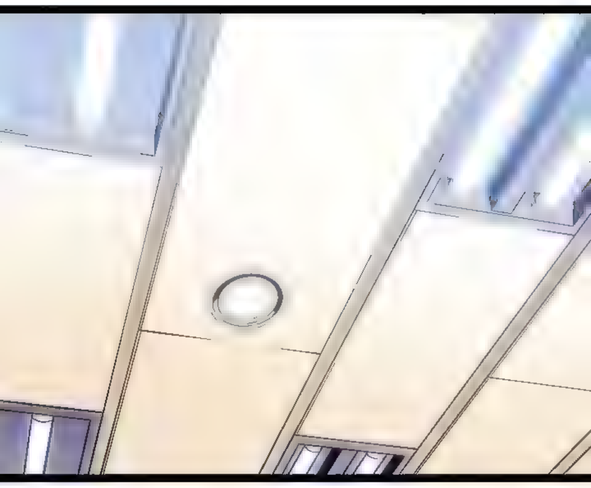
HOW MANY S-RANKS ARE ON STANDBY?
GULP
THERE ARE 15 IN TOTAL, SIR.
QUITE A SMALL AUDIENCE, EH?

WHAT ARE THE AMERICANS DOING?
DID THEY NOT SEND JAPAN ANY S-RANK HUNTERS?
WELL, AN S-RANK GATE HAS SPAWNED ON THEIR SOIL AS WELL. IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, TO BE EXACT.
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. S-RANK GATES HAVE SPAWNED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, INDIA, AND IN MANY MORE NATIONS BESIDES JAPAN...

I SEE. SO COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE SUFFERING FROM A SHORTAGE OF GOOD HUNTERS.
H, HUH...?!
THE GATE...!

THE GATE HAS OPENED!
SHATTER

JOLT



A HOSPITAL...?
RISE

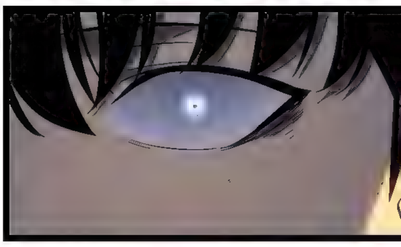
SIR!
RATTLE
JINHO?

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
YOU FINALLY WOKE UP!
I REALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!

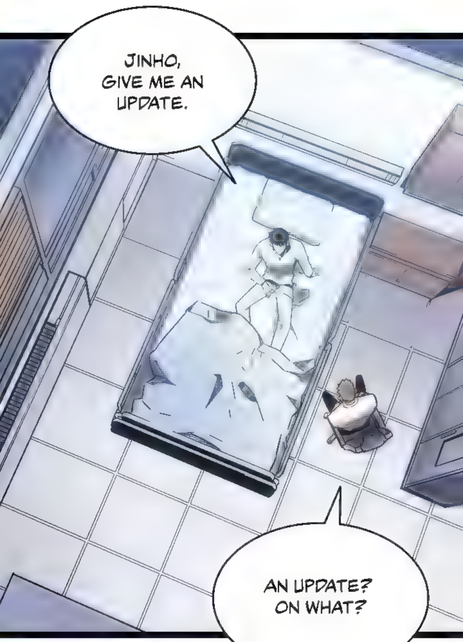
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D SLEEP FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS!

I'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR THREE DAYS?
YES! I'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK!
THREE WHOLE DAYS...? DID I REALLY BUILD UP THAT MUCH FATIGUE?
WELL, I GUESS I HAVEN'T TAKEN A BREAK IN A WHILE...

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY... I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THE WAR THAT ARCHITECT GUY SHOWED ME... I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD.
HOLD ON...



IF I'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR THREE DAYS, THEN THAT MEANS...!

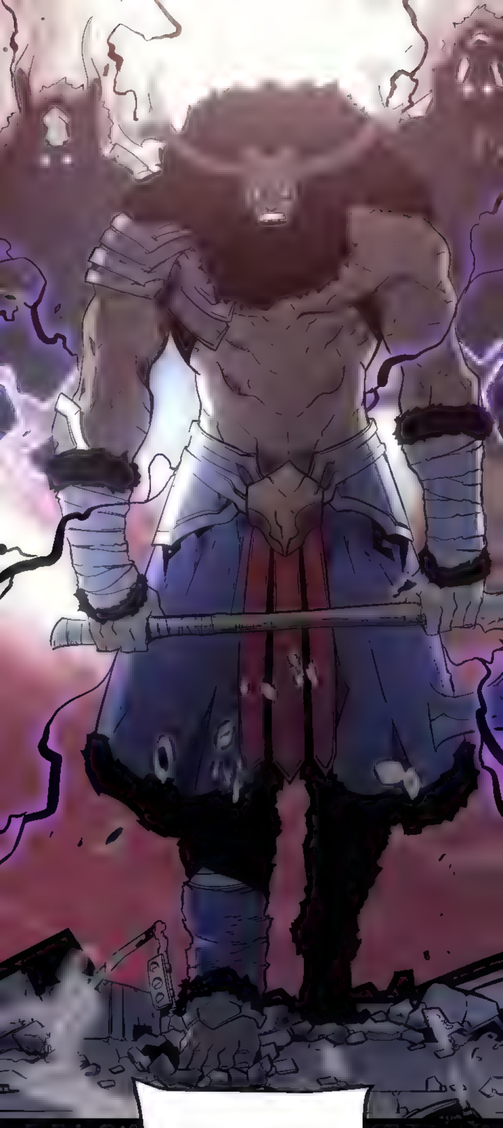

JINHO, GIVE ME AN UPDATE.
AN UPDATE? ON WHAT?

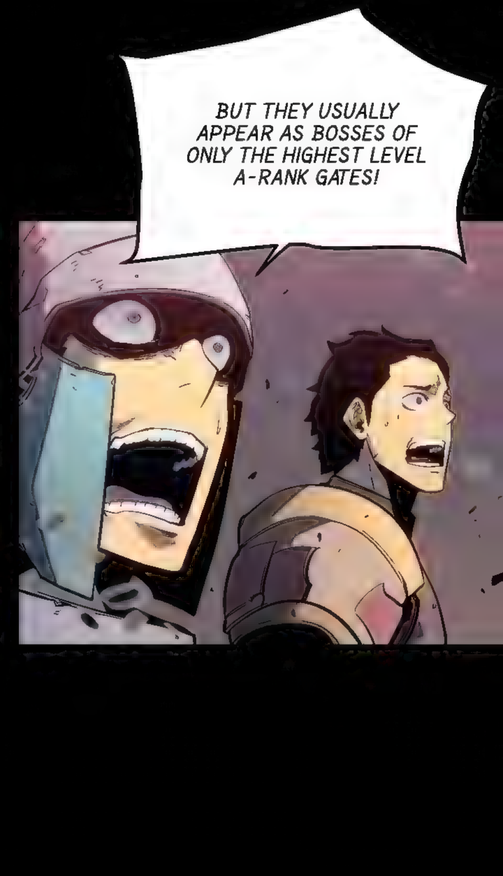
THE S-RANK GATE IN JAPAN. WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?

AH...

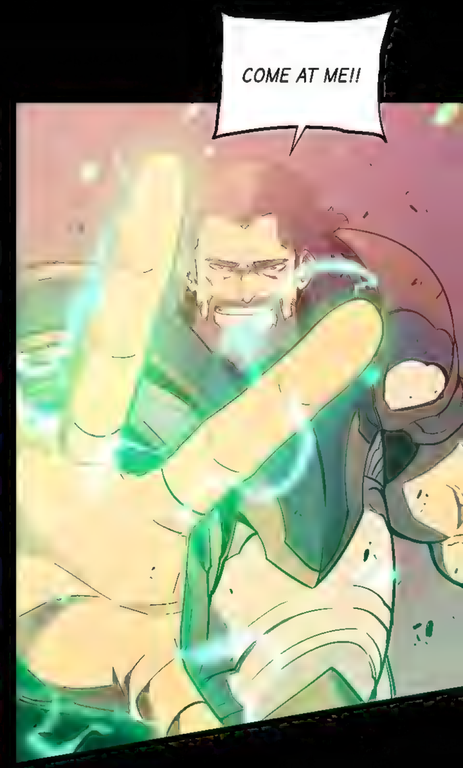
WELL...

G...GIANTS!


THEY'RE GIANTS!

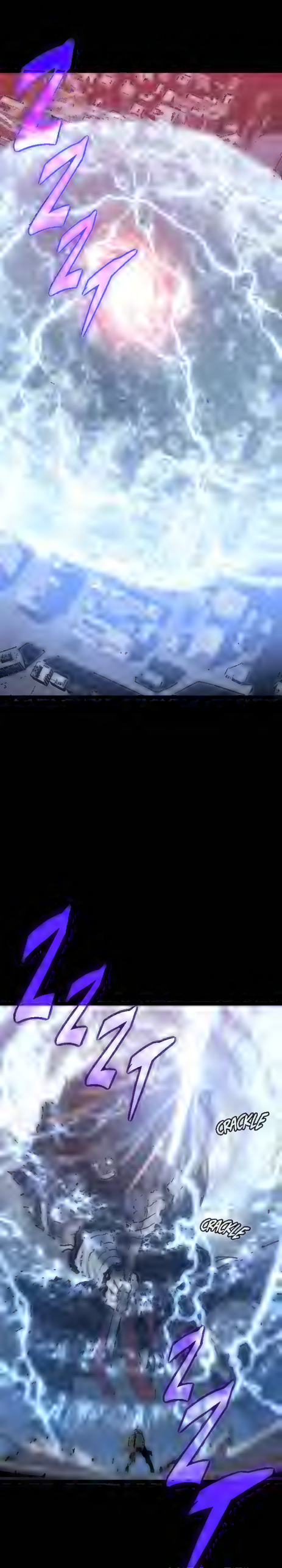

BUT THEY USUALLY APPEAR AS BOSSES OF ONLY THE HIGHEST LEVEL A-RANK GATES!

THIS WILL BE EASY-PEASY.

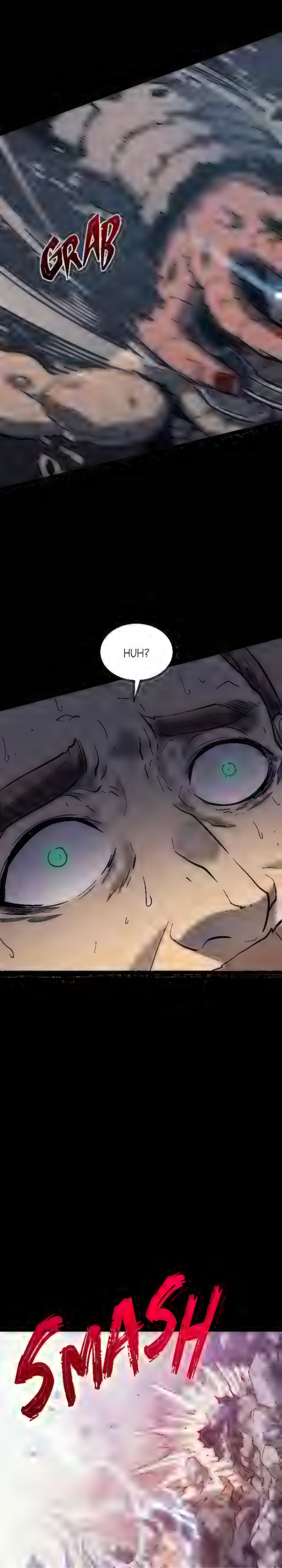

COME AT ME!!

FSHH...

FSHHHH
WHOOSH


ZZZT
ZZZT
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
ZZZT

BAHAHAHAHAHA! BEASTS THAT ARE COMMONLY FOUND IN MEASLY A-RANK GATES? WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT?!
YOU PIPSQUEAKS THINK YOU CAN BREAK THROUGH MY BARRIER?!


GRAB
HUH?
SMASH

H...HUH?!

SLASHING

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